

RAT PORTAGE MINER

RAT PORTAGE, ONT., AUG. 27, 1901.

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TOWNS' AGAINST GAUDAUR

Rat Portage is filling up with Strangers from all Over Canada and the States.

Strangers in large numbers are arriving in town every day, to be present at the great boat race between Towns and Gaudaur. All the permanent hotel accommodation is being taken up by telegraphic messages, and the question of housing the visitors is beginning to cause some anxiety. The C.P.R. company will shortly announce a \$2 return rate between here and Winnipeg, and the N.P.R. is to follow suit in reducing rates from St. Paul and Minneapolis in order to get a big crowd across the border. The Rainy River Navigation Company has made arrangements to handle all the water traffic, and will run excursions from Mine Center, Port Frances and all intermediate points on both the Canadian and American sides of the river. Contingents from eastern cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, are also making ready to start for the Lake of the Woods. A party of Englishmen and Australasians are now on the water and will be here in time to witness the great event.

The oarsmen are both in splendid shape, and as the time for the race draws near, they are giving stricter attention to the training. Towns has only met with one mishap, when he got a ducking by falling a drunken log, but he was all right as soon as he changed his clothes. Gaudaur is quieter than ever, having apparently a settled determination to save all his wind for the race.

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Campbell's crew, consisting of N. MacDonald, B. Rose and W. Pender were beaten in the first heat through becoming confused in the course. Tom Phillips' crew, Downey, Duncan, S. Seovil and St. Griffls made a better showing, however. They won their first and second heats, made a tie at the third, and were beaten by three feet in the fourth heat. In the second heat Phillips' seat jumped off, the runners and the crew had to stop rowing until it was fixed, but in spite of this they came in ahead, and received a great ovation from the grand stand for their coolness.

Captain Schart was in charge of the boys, and they are all loud in their praises of his method of conducting the expedition. The boys all declare that the doctor should not be dubbed "captain," the proper term to apply to him, they say, being "prince." They did not have to raise a hand to do anything, and didn't have to think of anything, either, as the doctor knew all about railroads and hotels, and etiquette, and in fact everything that makes a young fellow nervous, and he attended to it all, and had lots of time to keep the boys amused. On the train he told a thousand funny stories, and at the rowing club where they were entertained royally by the Winnipeggers, they all felt quite at home with the doctor at their head.

KEEWATIN CONCERT.

A high class concert was given in Kewatin last night by the athletic association of the bustling burg, assisted by some of our own musical people. The big auditorium rink was fitted up with chairs and made comfortable for the audience, and the management of the concert, by their intelligent direction of affairs, and their charming courtesy, especially to the visitors, made the evening one of unusual enjoyment.

Dr. Schnarr having been chosen as chairman, opened the evening's entertainment by explaining the object of the gathering in a few well chosen words on the subject of athletics. His remarks brought forth a round of applause, as he had struck a happy vein, and spoke about a thing that Kewatin is giving its attention to just now, as the crowded auditorium last night proves.

The first musical number on the programme was "The Mighty Deep," a bass solo by H. Mackenzie Sutherland. The range tested this gentleman's powers to the uttermost, but he sang it with good effect nevertheless. Miss Lamond's piano solo called forth great applause, and Miss McKitchie's singing of "Angus MacDonald" awoke the first call for an encore, to which the young lady kindly responded. Mr. Richard Fisher sang a wren song in character and fairly convulsed the house with his funny comedy, and Mr. Angus Sutherland, than whom there is none more popular, either in his own town or in Rat Portage, gave a martial song called "Marching to the Band," which was received with vociferous applause. Mr. Mackenzie Sutherland and Mrs. T. R. Ferguson rendered in a delightful manner Ascher's "Life's Dream" duet, and were loudly encored. Miss McChesman, who made such a good impression here a few days ago, sustained her reputation in "Barbara Frietche" and in her encore, a southern melody. Miss Jones' reciting, notwithstanding its unusual length, kept the audience interested to the last line, and Miss Palla's informal number, accompanying herself on the piano, was well received. The duet, "The First Lesson," Mrs. Jean and Mr. Sutherland, was one of the most amusing numbers on the programme. Mr. Angus Sutherland closed the musical numbers by singing "Day by Day," after which the audience rose and sang "God Save King." Miss Lamond played the accompaniments throughout the evening.

METRONOME.

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A HIGH SCHOOL GRANT.

The City Fathers Appeal to Ontario Government for a High School.

In the absence of Mayor Cameron at the town council meeting last night, Mr. Brydon was appointed chairman and acting mayor.

Communications were received from N. D. Sweet, P. H. Bryce, Public School Board, F. J. ApJohn, C. G. Penrock, E. Pinch, J. E. Wallbridge, D. H. Currie and R. B. Donkin.

The finance committee submitted their report authorizing payment of accounts amounting to \$851.52. Moved by Couns. Brydon and Cameron, Whereas the public school board has established a high school department in connection with the public schools and have for several years been successful in doing high school work, as the result of the departmental examinations show, without government high school grant;

And whereas, by doing so the school board have had to engage teachers who are duly qualified for the high school department;

And whereas, the Town of Rat Portage has a population according to the last census of 5,213;

And whereas, the District of Rainy River is a large and growing district, and the population is largely increasing, and as such a large number of pupils attend the high school from outside points;

And whereas, it is expedient and necessary that a high school should be established by the government here;

Be it resolved, That the Ontario government be humbly asked to establish a high school in the Town of Rat Portage, and that a grant be placed in the estimates for the support and maintenance of said high school, and that the clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Education under the seal of the corporation.

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Combination.

The Enterprise is not enthusiastic over the proposal to unite the two towns, being frightened apparently by our debt. If neither Rat Portage nor Kewatin are in favor of the scheme, why in the name of common sense, should the discussion be kept alive? We surely have enough municipal problems on hand to keep our councillors busy for this year, anyway, so that it would appear that agitation for consolidation and amalgamation is so much wasted energy. Let us not hunt around for complicating issues, therefore, but confine ourselves to the matters on hand, such as granitic walks, municipal lighting and watering, and such things.

Married at the Hilliard.

On Sunday last Mr. George Steggall and Miss Christianson were married in the parlors of the Hilliard House by Rev. B. O. Berg. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Annie, and the groom was supported by his brother in the capacity of best man. A delightful dinner awaited the happy couple and their friends in the dining room at the conclusion of the ceremony, after which they adjourned to the church to cut the wedding cake. Mrs. D. C. Cameron and Mrs. Cadenehead were among the assembled guests.

The Census.

If Ontario as a whole is not satisfied with the published statements regarding the census, Rat Portage certainly cannot complain. The enumerators did their work here, when a considerable quota of our population was in the woods engaged in the big lumber industry, and at the numerous mining camps in the vicinity, but outside the civic boundary line; yet in spite of this, our population exceeds by about 1,000 the figure that old time residents estimated it at, and when we bear in mind that one of the big factors is the railway population, and that this was at its fullest stage when the government figures were taken, we cannot experience sensations of anything opposite to gratification when we read the government returns.

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though as far as he is concerned personally, he says he does not mind it much, since Mr. Carpenter states that quite a number of people went to church Sunday and were disappointed because THE MIXER representative did not sing.

Complete Returns.

In the recent Departmental examinations, Rat Portage High School pupils have been very successful. In Part II Junior Leaving 100 per cent passed, in Part I Junior Leaving 77 per cent and in Part I Matriculation 80 per cent.

The successful ones are, Part II, Junior Leaving: Miss W. O. Baker and Miss L. T. Moor.

Part I, Junior Leaving: Miss M. H. Davies, J. B. Ferguson, Miss M. E. Fleming, Miss J. Greenwood, Miss G. M. Griffls, Miss J. Lang, Miss M. B. Macdonnell, Miss E. Marshall, Miss I. G. McConnell and A. L. Woods.

Part I, Junior Matriculation: R. Beaudet, D. G. Campbell, Miss L. Johnson, Miss C. G. McDermid, A. S. Nicholson, C. Parsons, Miss L. Phillips, J. A. Sullivan.

The High School will re-open on Tuesday morning, Sept. 3rd. It is very important that all pupils should be present on the first morning.

Mr. Vankoughnet left yesterday for his home in Winnipeg to spend the summer vacation.

Miss Corwin, sister of Fireman Corwin, who was injured in the Ingolf wreck returned today from Winnipeg.

Captain Thompson's daughters left on the eastbound train this afternoon to return home.

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FROM ERIN'S ISLE.

Occurrences that Will Interest Irish and other Canadians.

RAT PORTAGE IS BUSY.

Mining Industry Forging Ahead—Local Industries Booming.

Never before in the history of Rat Portage, was its commercial future so bright as it is today. The mining industry was never in such a flourishing condition—that is the industry, and not the frothy booming and company flotation, which filled some of us with false hopes, and visions of big mining cities some years ago. Today the gold mining business has risen to a settled industry like the flour milling and lumbering. The Sultana, Mikado, Black Eagle, Sakopos and other mines are commercial concerns, employing large numbers of men, and producing so much gold, and making a certain margin of profit like any other trade or business. The lumbering trade was never so brisk as at present, and the same cause which makes this so—the abnormal wheat crop—is having the same effect upon the railroad business, which promises to employ, and have quartered here, more train crews, than ever before in the history of the Canadian Ry. Coy. The coming fall and winter in view of the above facts should be a busy time for Rat Portage.

THE TOMATO CROP.

Mackey's Island has jumped into prominence this summer by producing two of the most prolific crops of strawberries and tomatoes ever seen in the Rainy River District. Last month the output of strawberries fairly deluged the market, as the local dealers were not prepared for the abundant shipments which arrived every morning during the season. Many of the local fruit dealers grew wary when it was announced that the tomato crop on the island was promising something big, but a few of the dealers got caught in spite of the warning. Tomatoes bought in Winnipeg at a price which would not permit of their being sold under 10¢ a pound arrived here last week, and those who bought them found themselves trying to sell an inferior article (compared to the Mackey Island product) at 10 cents, when the fresh picked Mackey product could be obtained for 5 cents.

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White Muslin Waists, with clusters of lucks, regular \$1.25, now 50c. each. White P. K. Skirts, with deep hem, made in the most up-to-date style, regular \$2.50, now \$1.75 each.

Ladies' White P. K. Skirts, new flare shape, trimmed with insertion, regular \$5.75, now \$2.50 each.

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The council then adjourned.

THE Peoples Forum

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed by our correspondents. All letters must be accompanied with name of writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

A Busy Man's Grievance.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir,—Being a very busy man and scarcely ever being able to get a quiet hour to rest from thought outside of my sleeping hours, which I make a rule to preserve inviolate, I feel, on entering a barber shop for a hair cut or shave, that now I shall have an half hour of perfect rest, but, of late, what is my surprise to have the barber, before I have fully settled myself for a blissful moment of inertia, break in with some such question as this: "How will you have your hair cut, sir, short or long, square or round?" As if I knew his business better than he. For one single moment I feel as if I should like to throttle the man, and then social courtesy comes to my aid and I simply say "Not too short." As regards the square or round I have yet to discover the meaning of those terms. Then all through his work we have a running fire of questions of the same nature, always ending up with the question, "Will you have your neck shaved, sir?" As if I could see the back of my neck whether it needed shaving or not. Can you, Mr. Editor, give me any reason why barbers are generally so ignorant of their business that they cannot tell as soon as they see a head, what style, for there probably are styles of hair cutting, will give each particular head its best appearance, and proceed with their work accordingly? Is there any reason under the sun why they should add to the troubles of their customers by trying to get knowledge which they should have learned before they began to practice their profession? I once told a barber that I had never learned his trade and

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Organist Carpenter wishes to let the public know through the columns of THE MINER, that he will make announcements in future as to who will sing in St. Alban's church. Mr. Carpenter says he was annoyed at the false announcements made last week, and a member of THE MINER staff says he was quite distressed also.

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Manager Peterson, of the Black Eagle mine, took out a gang of carpenters with him yesterday to begin work on the superstructure of the new 30 stamp mill.

A woman who was working at one of the camps on the lake was brought to town suffering from concentrated lye poisoning, the unfortunate woman having taken the stuff in mistake for something else. She is now lying in a precarious state at the hospital.

Mrs. Dr. Leonard and two daughters of Montreal, are visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. T. Roan, Fifth street.

Mr. Earl Carpenter, who has for some years been employed as amalgamator at the Regina mine, and has recently been engaged in railway construction on Ruby river, is in town.

Mr. George Evans, agent of the Ontario Permanent Building and Loan Company, of Woodstock, Ont., leaves tonight on an official trip to Fort Frances.

Mr. Kay, teller at the Imperial, has returned from a visit to the Pan-Am exhibition.

Mr. Downey Dineen has accepted a position at the departmental stores of the Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co., at the boot and shoe counters.

Mrs. Lounsbury arrived from the Mikado mine yesterday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. King, second at.

Mr. T. H. Gilmore left on the campers' train yesterday for Winnipeg.

The Sufferings of Job.

If the agonies of Job were any worse than the tortures of itching piles from which so many people are now suffering, he had much to endure. The difference is that there is no reason for any one to endure the insertion of pills for a single day. Dr. Chase's treatment has cured tens of thousands of cases and is absolutely guaranteed to cure each and every case of piles. 700c at all dealers or by mail from Edman and Bates & Co., Toronto.

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BOERS ON BRITISH BRAVERY.

A representative of a Ceylon journal who interviewed some Boer prisoners arriving in the island by the transport City of Cambridge, has obtained unequivocal testimonies to the kindness of the British. In reply to a question as to how they had enjoyed the voyage, Landdrost Munnik, speaking for his co-officers, was enthusiastic as to the treatment received on board. "And it has been the same all through the war," he added. "Whenever we have met the British soldier—officer or man—we have found him a perfect gentleman in his conduct toward us. We are glad of this, because we considered that our quarrel is not with individuals."

Asked as to his opinion of the fighting qualities of the British soldier, Munnik said: "They have done no other nation would have done. They have fought against difficulties which people in Europe never will understand. They are men, and you can take it from me that this is the opinion every man who has fought against them has of the British soldier. Magersfontein showed us what the bravery of the British soldier who walks was. It was grand. Our men mowed them down, but it was no stopping effect, and if any man says the soldier did not come on he lies."

INCHMAN WALK.

The radical journals of the continent of Europe, which have a few disciples among the editors of publications on this side of the pond, and many among those pen-wielders who would public opinion under the stars and stripes, are loud in their condemnations of Kitchener's methods of conducting the closing scenes of the Boer war. The Baltimore Sun is one of these latter, but it appears that there are journalists in the United States who can use common sense in their arguments, even when defending a cause not their own, as the following from the Duluth Tribune in answer to the Baltimore Sun's vapors will show:

"War is a game," says the Tribune, in which men cut each other's throats. That is the regular, everyday part of the business and any claim that somebody has been waging war in "barbar-

A SCENE ON THE NILE.

Homage the Pharaohs Received Now Paid to the King of England—Remarkable Incidents.

Not until several months after the occurrence of an interesting event in the Egyptian Soudan has an account of it been received in London. It was an event that has recalled other events of the kind which took place in immemorial times and representations of which may yet be seen by those who inspect the ruins of the temples of ancient Egypt.

When Lord Cromer made his latest visit to Khartoum, as the representative of the British authority in Egypt, he held court (darbar) at the huge red palace there, which was attended by many of the Mohammedan magnates, who appeared in great pomp. There was a ceremony of an ancient and peculiar character, in which a body of warlike and stately sheiks, mounted upon their camels, arrived at the palace. They had ridden for 600 miles from their country far up the White Nile, and their journey had lasted three months. There was in the embassy seven of the greatest sheiks, and one woman of the highest rank, all belonging to an ancient tribe of Dinka, whose ethnologists regard as the aboriginal inhabitants of that part of Africa.

The Dinka embassy of sheiks, which had obtained permission to visit Khartoum, received a ceremonious welcome from Lord Cromer when they arrived at the palace, after they had announced that it was their purpose to pay homage to him. As the representatives of British Majesty, he offered them welcome in the Arab language, assuring them that they would be protected, that their welfare would surely be promoted under the Anglo-Egyptian rule, that they would never again have occasion to fear the slave dealer or slave driver, and the British troops (who had been drawn up and set in array for the occasion) would guard their country as a part of great Egypt.

The Dinka sheiks were greatly pleased with their welcome. They rendered an obeisance to the potent white lord, and they chanted a world-old hymn in his praise, after which they performed the most curious part of the ceremony. One stately sheik advanced toward Lord Cromer, bearing aloft the Inkaka crown of honor, which consisted of a black, conical shaped brimless hat, ornamented with plumes of black ostrich feathers. In a majestic manner he placed the crown on his Lordship's head as a mark of homage on the part of the Dinka tribe, and as representing the traditional tribal symbol of sovereignty.

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It appears that neither the sheiks nor the other members of the Dinka clan are either of the Arab race or the Mohammedan religion. They are an autochthonous people, and it is probable that they are descended from ancestors who lived in their country long before Moses led the enslaved Hebrews out of Egypt. They worship one God and possess sacred

CURIOUS CITY GARDENS.

In London Crops Are Raised in a Barrel or an Open Umbrella.

Many people have such a deeply rooted love for flowers that they will go to any amount of trouble to raise a few blooms even under the most apparently impossible circumstances.

Instances of this occur in the East End of London, where sometimes the only available garden is a barrel. In order to make the most of this, however, it is bored all over the sides with holes about two inches in diameter, into each of which a plant of some description is placed, in addition to those planted in the usual way on the top, so that a good display is obtained in the minimum amount of space. These barrels, frequently made of tin, are very effective when all the plants are in bloom.

The statement that there are gardens under bedclothes is supported by no less an authority than that of the Very Rev. St. Reynolds Hole, Dean of Rochester. A district visitor in the Midland, when calling upon a poor woman, noticed how few were the coverings to her bed. Upon being asked, she admitted that she had another blanket, and was remonstrated with for not using it, as the weather was bitterly cold. It at length transpired that her husband had taken it to cover some plants he was rearing in a tiny greenhouse, in the hope of saving them from being killed by the frost. Surely devotion to flowers could hardly go much further than this.

Not a few suburban householders usually find their gardens just outside the scullery door, and they exercise their horticultural ingenuity upon the tiny slip of ground in which the considerate gerry builder has carefully barred its superfluous half-bricks. In various parts of the country, notably at Nottingham, there are cottage gardens three miles away from the residences of their owners, so that when visitors are invited to "come and have a look around the garden" it means a somewhat lengthy excursion. These small allotments are, however, greatly appreciated and carefully attended, despite the fact that the time taken in getting to and from them plays sad havoc with their owners' scanty leisure.

Of gardens in cemeteries, their appearance to be only a sorry example in this country, the one which Sir Joseph Baxton of Crystal Palace fame found at Coventry. In the United States, however, there are many gardens of this kind, and notably at Boston, Brooklyn and Philadelphia, and their might, with advantage, be copied in our cemeteries.

Gardens may be made on open umbrellas as far as obtaining a substantial crop of mustard and cress is concerned. It is only necessary to open the umbrella, wet it thoroughly, and sprinkle the seed over it. The fabric is kept damp, and will soon begin to sprout, and in a few weeks a nice quantity of the salad may be cut. The same thing may be done in a dinner plate with the aid of a strip of an old flannel shirt, a piece of felt, or other similar cloth, provided it is kept moist. —London Mail.

Find of Sculptured Stones.

Four sculptured stones were recently found at the site of an ancient church at Old Jedburgh, five miles from Jedburgh. Three of the stones



IT MAKES WOMEN HAPPY.

"I had been a sufferer for many years from nervousness with all its symptoms and complications," writes Mrs. O. N. Fisher, of 1861 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. "I was constantly going to see a physician or purchasing medicine. My husband at last induced me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After taking one bottle and following your advice I was so encouraged that I took five more bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' I continued taking it and felt that it was improving faster than at first. I am not now cross and irritable, and I have a good color in my face. I have also gained ten pounds in weight and one thousand pounds of comfort, for I am a new woman made more, and your advice and your 'Favorite Prescription' is the cause of it."



FROM ERIN'S ISLE.

Deceit-frees that Will Interest Irish and Other Canadians.

Ireland just now enjoys an enviable position so far as the absence of contagious diseases amongst her flocks and herds are concerned. It is doubtful if any other country in the world is at the present time so free from disease or disorders of an infectious or contagious character.

In the report of a ball in Sligo a reporter thus picturesquely describes the ladies: "They wore no diamonds except what shone from their brilliant eyes; no pearls more magnificent than their own teeth; no roses more beautiful than the healthful adornment of their own cheeks." The Earl of Cork, who was 72 recently, is descended from one Richard Boyle, who, born in 1566, studied law at the Middle Temple, despairing, on account of his scanty means, of being able to purchase his studies, he embarked for Ireland as an adventurer, and having obtained the favor and protection of Queen Elizabeth became the "Great Earl of Cork."

In the Exhibition Hall, Royal Botanic Gardens, Belfast, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masonic Brotherhood was held for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury as the Grand Master of the Province of Antrim. It is almost ten years since a similar ceremony was performed in Antrim, the occasion being the installation of the Marquis of Hertford.

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INHUMAN WAR.

The radical journals of the continent of Europe, which have a few disciples among the editors of publications on this side of the pond, and many among those pen-wielders who would public opinion under the stars and stripes, are loud in their condemnations of Kitchener's methods of conducting the closing scenes of the Boer war. The Baltimore Sun is one of these latter, but, it appears that there are journalists in the United States who can use common sense in their arguments, even when defending a cause not their own, as the following from the Duluth Tribune in answer to the Baltimore Sun's vapors will show:

"War is a game," says the Tribune, in which men cut each other's throats. That is the regular, everyday part of the business and any claim that some body has been waging war in "barbarous," or "atrocious," or "inhuman" fashion, should be carefully scanned, since war is of necessity barbarous, atrocious and inhumanity.

It's very strange if you may kill men in war but may not destroy property. But we are told with flaming indignation that burning farms is waging war on women and children. These people who get excited so easily over this point should remember that every nation that ever made war of all has made war on women and children and has under particular exigencies set systematically to work to burn the houses over the heads of women and children and to starve them to death. In the siege of a city the besiegers make it their business to cut off the entry of all supplies, to bombard them within its fortifications with red hot shots and shells filled with combustible ingredients. The women and children have to take their chances with the rest. The only sacred spot in a besieged place is the hospital. If the commander of a city or any other place under siege should ask in the name of humanity that the women and children be permitted to march out, the request would be treated with infinite contempt by the generals of the most humane nations in the world. "War is hell" and in the name of military necessity the action of Sherman and Sheridan was absolutely justifiable and has been justified by all but some mawkish sentimentalists. There is a degree of military necessity which warrants the British in burning Boer farms in South Africa. Whether that degree has been reached is for them to show. But this talk that Sherman and Sheridan's devastation was atrocity is not pure and simple and when the pro-Boer advocates are talking of making war on women and children it should not be forgotten that Paul Kruger's armies bombarded women and children in Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking, and did their level best to starve them to death or to surrender, as they had a right to do.

Nobody deals more lavishly in nonsense than the sublimated sentimentalists who write of "inhuman" warfare, but a wise public will decline to take their counterfeit groans and tears for the current coin of pathos.

Areas of English Cities.

London covers 75,000 acres. Leeds is next of English cities with 21,000, and Sheffield third with 9,550.

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The interesting fact has been brought to notice that such ceremonies as occurred during Lord Cromer's last tour in the Sudan were but repetitions of ceremonies that had been witnessed in ancient Egypt under the rule of the Pharaohs. The following quotation from a letter describing the scene here spoken of may be taken as direct proof of the fact:

"The scenes depicted on the Temple of Amenophis III. (B. C. 1450) at Soleb and elsewhere on the temples of Ramesses II, B. C. 1350, in Nubia, and likewise those on the temples of later Egyptian kings at Napata, prove that exactly the same kind of ceremonial homage was rendered to successive rulers of ancient Egypt, after they had, each of them, in his time, crushed the Soudan tribes in order to bring them to the frontiers of the great kingdom."

And so the Dinkas of the earliest ages live again in the Dinkas of today. The clan of the Upper Nile once subject to the king who was lost in the Red Sea, is now under the rule of Edward VII. of England.

Straight From the Shoulder.

At a recent meeting of the Isle of Wight Board of Guardians, Mr. J. L. Manning, in resenting a suggestion of thick-headedness, addressed his offending colleague in the following strain: "I am not a bigger fool than you are, and I do not come here to be made a target for a censorious, cantankerous, scurrilous, insolent and illiterate cad from a Ventnor stable." Addressing the chairman, he continued: "If you allow him to turn upon me the rapier of insult I shall plunge into him the dagger of sarcasm, and it will not be my fault if it does not go to the hilt."

The Irish Language.

General Sir William Dwyer, K. C. B., is an enthusiastic advocate of the revival and cultivation of the Irish language. He has addressed another letter to the President of the Gaelic League, in which he says: "I am very pleased to hear of the continued progress of the study of Irish. After all, the passing of the old language was only a temporary eclipse. It was on every mountain, loch, plain, river, and castle in the land; it still lived in the thoughts of the people, and it was bound to find its voice again."

Lord Wantage's Model "Pub."

Lord Wantage, who has just died, was the first peer to run a model public house. Long before the advocacy of the Gollenberg system he ran an inn at Ardington and devoted the profits to local charities. A feature was the display of the counter during the winter months and on some days more money was taken for soup than for beer.

Kind of Sculptured Stones.

Four sculptured stones were recently found at the site of an ancient church at Old Jedburgh, five miles from Jedburgh. Three of the stones have the character of zigzag ornament, but the work is shallow and nothing like so fine in execution, as that of the similar design in various parts of Jedburgh Abbey. Mr. Walter Laidlaw, Abbey Gardens, has taken charge of the stones, and has got the opinion of an authority that the sculpture is of the early Saxon period, and that the stones were a carved part of an arch. Old Jedburgh, as it was formerly called, is a very ancient place, and the chapel, of which these stones are presumably relics, was founded by Egbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, who died in the year 845. It is situated on what is called Chapelburgh, by the side of the Jed. There were two Jedburghs, and this place, which has come to decay, has been long known as Old Jedburgh, but Jeffrey the historian of Roxburghshire, doubts if there is any authority for holding that the hamlet on the Jed is older than the burgh. The appellation Old Jedburgh had been conferred on it in modern times, and without reference to its being founded anterior to the existence of the royal burgh.

For the Best-It of the Church.

An amusing incident occurred at a public sale recently held at a Nonconformist Church in Southampton. The church is situated near a well-known laundry, to which a messenger, who was not very safe in his topography, was to take the weekly washing of a prominent citizen of the town. Unfortunately for the owner, the washing was left at the church, whereupon the holders of the sale, thankful for the anonymous gift, proceeded to offer the collars, shirts, and various other articles, to the highest bidder.

Dangerous Toy Pistols.

An urgent representation is to be made to the Home Office regarding the sale in Birmingham especially, of what are mis-called toy pistols to young children. Recently a boy named William Day bought a toy pistol for twopenny, and having loaded it fired in the face of a lad named Connors. The weapon discharged a bullet which penetrated Connors's cheek and lodged in his jaw. Day was arrested.

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Koch's New Theory

Important Parts of His Recent Speech Verbatim.

THE TUBERCULOSIS PARASITE.

His Recent Experiments With Consumption—Animals Fed With Different Bacteria—Evidence From Older Literature—Virulent Bacteria Consumed—New Cases of Alimentary Infection—Quarantine Unnecessary.

The following extracts from the verbatim address of Dr. Koch, before the British Congress on Tuberculosis, the other day, cover the subject of his new theory.

The real cause of the disease was a parasite, a visible and palpable enemy which we could pursue and annihilate. Strictly speaking, the fact that tuberculosis was a preventable disease ought to have become clear as soon as the tubercle bacillus was discovered and the properties of this parasite and manner of its transmission became known. In by far the majority of cases tuberculosis had its seat in the lungs, and had also been shown. As to the question of where the tubercle bacilli had come from, there could be no doubt. On the contrary, we know with certainty they got into the air from sputum of consumptive patients, which almost always contained tubercle bacilli, sometimes in incredible quantities. By coughing and even sneezing it was being into the air in little drops, i.e., in a moist condition, and could at once infect persons who happened to be near the coughers, but then it might also be pulverized, when dried in linen or on the floor, for instance, and get into the air in the form of dust, which, in virtue of its smallness, could keep floating a good while in the air, and finally to reach infection.

The question of consumptive people, then, was, to be regarded as the main source of the infection of tuberculosis. It has been demonstrated by thorough investigation that though hereditary tuberculosis was not absolutely non-existent it was nevertheless extremely rare. Another instance of tubercular infection existed, it was generally assumed, in the transmission of eggs of the disease. Some tubercular animals to man. The manner of infection was generally regarded nowadays as being again so frequent that it was looked upon as not a few as the case might be, and rigorous measures were demanded against it in these cases. His investigation had led him to form an opinion deviating from that which was generally accepted. He begged their permission, in consideration of the great importance of this question, to discuss it, in a little more thoroughly. Genuine tuberculosis had hitherto been observed in almost all domestic animals, and most frequently in poultry and swine.

Tuberculosis of poultry differed so much from human tuberculosis that he felt it have it out of account. Strictly speaking, the only kind of so-called hereditary tuberculosis remaining to be considered was tuberculosis of man, which is really transferred to man, would indeed have frequent opportunities of infecting human beings.

and spleen. The difference between human and bovine tuberculosis appeared not less strikingly in similar experiments with asses, sheep, and goats, into whose vascular systems the two kinds of tubercle bacilli were injected. These experiments were not the only ones that have led to this result.

If one studies older literature on the subject and collated reports of numerous experiments made in former times by Charcot, Gauthier and Harms, Bollinger and others, who fed calves, swine and goats with tubercular material, one found animals that were fed with milk and pieces of lungs of tubercular cattle always fell ill of tuberculosis, whereas those that received human material with their food did not. Considering all the facts, he felt justified in maintaining that human tuberculosis differed from bovine, and could not be transmitted to cattle.

Now, how was it with the susceptibility of man to bovine tuberculosis? Highly important as this question was, it was impossible to give a direct answer, because experimental investigation of it with human beings was out of the question. Indirectly, however, we could try to approach it. It is well known that milk and butter consumed in great cities very often contained large quantities of the bacilli of bovine tuberculosis in living condition, as numerous infection experiments with such dairy products on animals had proved.

Most of the inhabitants of such cities consumed such living and perfectly virulent bacilli of bovine tuberculosis and unintentionally carried out the experiment which we were not at liberty to make. If the bacilli of bovine tuberculosis were able to infect human beings many cases of tuberculosis caused by the consumption of aliment containing tubercle bacilli could not help but occur among the inhabitants of great cities, especially children. Most medical men believe this was actually the case. In reality, however, it was not so. That a case of tuberculosis had been caused by aliment could be assumed with certainty only when the intestines suffered first, i.e., when so-called primary tuberculosis of the intestines was found, but such cases were extremely rare. Among the many cases of tuberculosis examined after death, he himself remembered having seen primary tuberculosis of the intestines only twice among the great post-mortem material of the Charité Hospital in Berlin.

Ten cases of primary tuberculosis of the intestines occurred in five years among 933 cases of tuberculosis in children at Empstor and Empress Fredericks Hospital for Children. Haginsky never found tuberculosis of the intestines without a simultaneous affection of the lungs and bronchial glands. Among 3,104 post-mortem examinations of tubercular children Haginsky observed only sixteen cases of primary tuberculosis of intestine. He could cite from the literature of the subject many more statistics of the same kind, all undoubtedly showing that primary tuberculosis of the intestine, especially among children, was a comparatively rare disease, and of those few cases that had been enumerated it was by no means certain they were due to infection by bovine tuberculosis. It was just as likely that they were caused by widely propagated bacilli of human tuberculosis which might have got into the digestive canal in some way or other, for instance, by swallowing saliva, dirt

NAVAL RENDEZVOUS.

EMPIRE'S NEW NAVAL BASE AT MARQUISE, NEWFOUNDLAND.

It is to be Fortified to Safeguard British Interests in North American Waters—Natives to Be Trained for the Navy—Strategic Importance of the Station—French Interests Are Affected.

Great Britain has fully decided to establish a naval station in Newfoundland for the training of young fishermen for the British Navy and for the better protection of her interests in North American waters. The third-class cruiser Calypso, 2,170 tons, has been selected by the Admiralty for special duty as a stationary drill ship and will be stationed in Placentia Bay on the south side of the island, at a place called Marquise.

The gradual conversion of Marquise into a great naval stronghold is only a matter of time and money. The place is destined to become the rendezvous for the British squadron and the new scheme of Imperial defence provides a liberal estimate for its maintenance. A graving dock for the repair of warships will be built, a force of artificers will be stationed there and while the machine shops in St. John's will probably suffice for present purposes, the erection of others will be established before long and the establishment of such a plant would necessitate the port being garrisoned.

It will serve another important purpose in that it will be made a coaling station. At present there is no fortified port save Halifax in the British Atlantic provinces and there immense stocks are stored. Sydney, it is true, is the place where the coal is mined and there it is easy to procure stocks in summer, but for the winter months it is icebound. Placentia Bay contains many splendid harbors and is never blocked with ice floes. Marquise is situated on a beautiful bay, forming part of Placentia Sound and enclosed between beetling hills, which rise steeply on every side. There is ample area to accommodate a large fleet and a narrow channel which could be easily defended against hostile cruisers by a submarine torpedo scheme. It is capable of being converted into a magnificent naval station, where a squadron could ride and merchant steamers seek protection.

The strategic importance of the new station is illustrated by the fact that the bay opens out upon the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and thence upon the North Atlantic. The naval station there could dominate a vast stretch of ocean, and control the water-borne commerce of Canada by way of the St. Lawrence to the westward. In fact the present scheme includes a plan for the virtual policing of the North Atlantic Ocean in the interest of British commerce. Shipping near the British coast would obtain two days' protection from the naval coast-guarding vessel of Land's End. The patrol operating off Cape Race would afford another two days' safety, and would then return freighters over to the squadron off Halifax, to guard them to their destination. The only undefended portion of the route would be the one thousand miles of mid-ocean, and the big cruisers of the Powerful type would assist, considerably in reducing the dangers associated with its crossing. At present there is no protection.

AUSTRALIAN GROWTH.

Likely to Be Rapid Now the Commonwealth Is a Fact.

Now that Confederation is accomplished, Australia will go ahead like a bonfire. It is the enthusiastic view of Mr. G. L. Doyle, a Young Australian from Sydney, New South Wales. Mr. Doyle states that previous to Confederation the colonies were kept back by constant differences and comparatively petty jealousies. Now Australia is all one country, and enterprises will be planned and carried out on a national and continental scale, and in consequence development will be unprecedented. The Boer war, unfortunate as it was in itself, was the great force which welded the Australian colonies together. The Boer war found Australasia a disconnected series of colonies; it left them a compact, enthusiastic commonwealth.

The new capital city, Mr. Doyle thinks, will likely be in the Young district, about 400 miles from Sydney, 250 miles from the seacoast, a site very central to the three great colonies. He has been away from Australia now about five months.

In Japan Mr. Doyle spent a couple of months, and was struck most of all by the fact that the English language had distanced all other foreign tongues, so that it was impossible for a German or a Frenchman to get along with the natives without learning some English, whereas in Australia it is not so.

In Australia Mr. Doyle is connected with the sheep-raising industry, or as Canadians would say, ranching. He stopped off and visited the ranches about Calgary, and found a considerable difference between Canadian and Australian methods. In Canada, apparently, the rancher buys a homestead of 320 or 640 acres, and rents 10,000 or 20,000 from the Government to range his herds upon. He seems to go into it with the idea that he will make money as rapidly as he can, and then retire, and in consequence there is a temporary air of being all his buildings and surroundings, and he submits to a number of personal discomforts while he is building up his fortune. In Australia the rancher buys outright a homestead of ten, twenty, or thirty thousand acres and proceeds to improve it, so that he and his children after him will live there in comfort and abundance, and he submits to a number of personal discomforts while he is building up his fortune. In Australia the rancher buys outright a homestead of ten, twenty, or thirty thousand acres and proceeds to improve it, so that he and his children after him will live there in comfort and abundance, and he submits to a number of personal discomforts while he is building up his fortune.

The Maple Leaf Forever.

To be a prisoner closely guarded in a huge wooden cage, with a foreboding prospect of losing one's head in the morning, writes M. A. P., and to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary is an experience different in kind but fully as interesting. Baron Hayashi has had both experiences. At present he is the Mikado's representative at the coronation of St. James, and is accounted one of the most competent officials of the government that once had him behind bolts and bars in the queer old prison of feudal times in Hinko.

SO GOES THE WORLD.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone. For this brave old earth must borrow its mirth; It has trouble enough of its own. Sing, as the bells will answer; Sigh, it is lost on the air; The echoes bound to a joyful sound, But shrink from a voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you; Grieve, and they turn and go; They want full measure of all your pleasure, But they do not want you woe. Be glad, and your friends are many; Be sad, and you lose them all; There are none to decline your neared wine, But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded; Fast, and the world goes by. Succeed and give, and it helps you live, But no man can help you die. There is room in the halls of pleasure For a long and happy life; But one by one we must all lie on Through the narrow lanes of pain.

—Col. John A. Joyce.

"A GENT UNCONSCIOUS."

How the London Cabby Monored the Fighting Colonials.

A delightful little story comes to us from one whose name, alas! is already a remembrance. Miss Kingsley appreciated fully the patriotism of "the man in the street" underlying much of the so-called jingoism, and illustrates her meaning by the following: "It was a wet night, and I, returning home from the meeting of a learned society, hailed a slowly-crawling cab. 'Sorry, I can't take you in, mum,' said the driver; 'I've a gent unconscious inside.' 'Dear me,' said I, 'why don't you take him to St. George's at once?' He ain't a hospital case, said he, looking down on the 'gent unconscious' through the trap-door.

"He'll be better by and by, he's one of them colonials of ours just home to his native land for the first time, and he's gone and excited himself, that's all." I retired, and the cab and the colonist drifted away into the rain; but still it was nice to think, in spite of the colonist's conduct, and the inconvenience it gave me, of the Old Country, represented by the cabman, taking care of him like that."

The Maple Leaf Forever.

The Montreal Witness says that the true Canadian flag is seldom seen. It should contain the arms of Canada and nothing more. There should be no white spot, no wreath of flowers and leaves, no lion, no beaver, no crown, nothing but the Canadian arms. Strange to say, continues The Witness, on no flag and nowhere else is the true Canadian escutcheon ever seen. The escutcheon of Canada consists of the arms of the first four provinces, in the four quarters. This has never been altered by authority, yet even on the lettered paper of the public departments and of the Premier's own office it has been departed from by the introduction of the so-called arms of all provinces. Not only is the escutcheon thus paraded not the escutcheon of Canada, but, as constructed, it is heretically an impossible escutcheon. This may be considered a very small matter in these days, when heraldry is looked upon as a mere child's play; though, by the way, grave institutions go so far into this child's play to arrogate bearing to themselves which were never intended for them.

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Local Interest

A very pleasant time was spent at Coney island Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 20th, when Mesdames Ferrier and McLeod entertained the members of the Dorcas society of St. Alban's church and numerous camp friends to a five o'clock tea on the Bluffs. When tea was announced some 65 people were seated at the tables which fairly groaned with good things. While tea was in progress Miss Johnson, of Winnipeg, took a snap shot of the party.

Mr. Davies, superintendent of circulation and city editor of the Daily, will not conduct prayer meeting this week.

The Partington Supply Company had a great display of tomatoes in one of their windows Saturday, which were grown on Mackey's island.

Mr. Max Heap, of the well-known wholesale house, made a business trip to Mine Centre last week.

A large number of eastern physicians and surgeons passed through here this week on their way to Winnipeg to attend the Canadian Medical association convention.

Mr. George Ewing, the well-known lacrosse and hockey player, passed through here on his way east Sunday night. He told a MINER reporter he was quitting the western country for good.

Mr. L. Roach returned Sunday evening from Winnipeg where he has been staying all summer.

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Duty a Delight.

BY REV. W. M. ROCHESTER.

PSALM 103.

"I delight to do thy will, O my God.
It is not common so to speak of duty. We can use the first line of Wordsworth's ode and say:

"STERN daughter of the voice of God."
But cannot rise to exclaim,

"We know not anything so fair,
As is the smile upon thy face."

Herein is Christ our example. Concerning life's entire demands, concerning those special and awful requirements that were exacted of Him, He could say, Lo I come in the volume of the book it is written of me I delight to do thy will, O my God.

To many if duty is a delight it is only in certain phases that it is so. If duty is attractive in bearing, and modest in her demands she is accorded a welcome. If she speaks of self-denial and cross-bearing, and prefers large requests she is either denied altogether or accorded a grudging assent. The first disciples of Christ were most loyal to their master in the year of public favor. When, however, the tide of popular opinion turned it was in measure otherwise, and in the hour of arrest they all forsook Him and fled. This seems to be a high standard, and yet to this all noble life as well as that of Christ's invites us, and the teaching of the Bible encourages us to the same conception of duty. "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage," so sang the sweet singer of Israel; and Paul counted the best things but loss for the knowledge and the service of Christ. He, too, though the ministry of the Gospel cost him peace and brought him suffering, and finally exacted of him his life, could say, "And I thank Christ Jesus in that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;" and to the suffering saints James wrote: "Count it all joy my brethren when you fall into divers temptations." Delight in even stern duty is the outstanding feature of exalted life.

This rejoicing in duty is essential. There is no honest and full discharge of obligation except the soul delight in it. If we do not put our whole heart into the tasks they shall not be faithfully and punctually performed. We may occupy the time, but duty in some aspect is neglected. Grudging service, half-hearted endeavor always fall short of the end in view. The artist cannot paint, the poet cannot write, the speaker cannot plead, nor the sculptor carve except his heart be in his work. They all must know what passion is. Neither can we perform our several common, perhaps, menial parts unless we delight therein. The slave cannot serve as the freeman; the mercenary cannot contend as the patriot.

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by-be divine. If we will to do so we may relieve any task of its monotony and disagreeableness.

It will ever help us to cherish the thought of God. Life is lived in relation to Him. Let us keep in mind that we are His servants and that we may honor Him in all things. He is interested in even the mean concerns of our life, and accepts the doing of the humblest and most trivial tasks at our hands. Let us call to mind frequently the fact of His presence. He is in all places, and prisons may for this cause prove to be palaces. His presence brings light and peace wherever it comes. His glory shines round about Him. It is no place to the despoiled where God dwells. And let us ever say this duty is of God's requirement. It will please Him that I do this with a willing mind. With this thought of God ever recurring men have rejoiced in solitude and obscurity, and they have cheerfully followed a hard and toilsome way. To be able to say God is the strength of my life and my portion is to transcend what is common and unclean into that which is glorious. In the thought that we serve the Lord Christ there is inspiration.

There is also pre-eminent encouragement for us in considering the issues of duty. The harvest cometh. The day of reaping draws nigh. The patient husbandman shall have his reward. In this daily round and common task we beat out character, as the artisan hammers brass. It is formed by application to life's common duties. We also accomplish something on behalf of others. The faithful life abounds in blessing for others. To have the consciousness that we have not lived in vain is not to be despised, happy is he who looks back upon a well spent life. And beyond and above all this is God's gift, that exceeding

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